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What I Did Last Summer

This past summer **Midn 3/C Kevin Dewey** was able to use his time at home while on leave by training and playing with the New York Athletic Club Men's 7's team. Starting in June, Dewey made the commute twice a week from Connecticut to the team's training sessions in Pelham, New York. Playing under National 7's coach **Al Carravelli** and NYAC coach **Jim Kermitt**, Dewey was able to improve upon both his fitness and ball handling skills. "I had a great time playing with everyone; it was a real family atmosphere and I felt like I was treated like a little brother." Dewey, the youngest on the team, started the season traveling with the team but only playing in B side games. But by July he had developed enough as a 7's player to replace a teammate departing for England and earn a spot on the starting roster. Dewey scored two tries in the team's run at the Northeast Championships where they finished first and secured a bid at Nationals in Seattle, Washington. Dewey was again selected to travel with the team, but after consideration declined. "The tournament fell on my last weekend home before returning to the Academy, and there were still some things I wanted to deal with at home. Everyone on the team understood. It was a great experience and a productive way to spend my summer. I feel like I got to know some great guys and play some amazing rugby." Dewey looks forward to contributing as scrumhalf to another team's success as the sophomore returns to the Naval Academy and a group of fellow midshipmen that have aspirations and expectations of competing at the highest levels for a national championship come spring.

Former Navy Skipper Returns as Coach

As the 2006-07 season opens, the Navy Rugby team welcomes back one of its alumni. **Nick Kalt**, class of 2000, former team captain and second row, has taken off the boots and donned the whistle to assist in this year's championship hunt. Kalt, who served in the Marine Corps until the end of his active service obligation two months ago, has relocated to the Annapolis area. He is very excited to be taking an active role in Navy Rugby again. "It's great to be working with these guys. After just a week, you can see the strides they've made and the level of development they are capable of. This is going to be a great season, and I'm really glad to be back here making a contribution," said Kalt.

Navy Skipper – Latest Navy All-American

Midn 1/C Blake Lindsay has achieved one of the highest honors a collegiate athlete can hope to aspire to, being named to the Collegiate All-American Rugby Team. Blake earned this honor at the National Collegiate All-Star Championships in Boulder, CO this past June representing USNA and the Military All-Stars in a manor befitting those relationships. Lindsay is another in a long line of young men from Navy that have achieved this lofty status. His play in Colorado coupled with an outstanding 2nd Class year on the field made his selection an easy one. He consistently led Navy on the field week in and out despite recently overcoming injuries that left him sidelined early in the Spring season. Midn Lindsay returns for his 1st Class year as the Team Captain. The coaching staff agrees that his leadership will be invaluable in helping Navy return to the National Championship series.

Congratulations Midn 1/C Lindsay!

The Road Ahead

The 2006-2007 schedule is underway. Team captain, **1/C Blake Lindsay**, team President **1/C 'Jack' Skahen**, and all players and coaches look forward to seeing you on the touch lines rooting for Navy. The current Division I schedule is as follows (home games in bold):

FALL SEASON DIV I SCHEDULE - 2006

8 Sept (Fri)	<u>"Friday night under the lights"</u> PAC vs. Navy
16 Sept	IUP vs. Navy
30 Sept	Navy @ Ohio State U
6 Oct (Fri)	Navy @ Air Force
13 Oct (Fri)	<u>"Friday night under the lights"</u> UMD vs. Navy on Farragut Field
21 Oct	Navy @ Towson University
23 Oct	NAVY RUGBY ALUMNI MATCH
27 Oct (Fri)	<u>"Friday night under the lights"</u> Loyola College vs. Navy
4 Nov	Navy @ Penn State U
11 Nov	George Mason U vs. Navy
TBD	Army-Navy Fall Classic V

For schedule updates & times ensure you check the Navy Rugby website at <http://www.usna.edu/Rugby>.

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Coach's Corner

I hope everyone's having a great summer, we're busy here in Annapolis planning for another successful season but let's recap the spring: We won the Cherry Blossom Tournament with a very convincing win over Ohio State in the Final 19-5, we avenged an early season loss to them 15-14. Navy came in second to PSU in the MARFU Championship (score line 15-14). We beat Kutztown 40-12 in the semis. Navy once again advanced to the sweet 16, we faced Clemson first and won the match (which was not as close as the storyline indicated). We were ahead very comfortably at half when I decided to make wholesale changes, this certainly affected the momentum we built and it caused us to struggle a bit in the second half. Had not **Dane Sagerholm** scored a very powerful try (three guys hanging on his shoulders) it might've been a different game. We had Cal next and it was a thriller, final 29-15 with very aggressive play from both sides. We saw our pack and **Jordan Fogler** step up and play some great rugby for us. There were 9 underclassmen on the field throughout the play-offs; that said the future looks very good.

We open the fall season again in Montreal, the Irish are always welcoming hosts and we really look forward to the trip (although the bus ride can get a bit weary). The rugby is a good standard and it sets us right for the fall. We look to travel to Air Force and Ohio State this fall as well. We also have Penn State (conference rival) scheduled. Army has progressed nicely on completion of their new rugby only facility and our match may be the opening event at that venue. The fall looks to be as competitive as it is exciting.

Navy will be led onto the field by our Captain **Midn 1/C Blake Lindsay** who was recently named to the '06 All-American team.

GO NAVY BEAT ARMY

Mike

Coach Flanagan

Hit the Fleet – Earn Your Keep

We wish the best to the newly commissioned rugby players in the **class of 2006** as they head off to join the rest of the Navy Rugby alumni and face the beginning of their military careers. Those moving on are listed below with their respective new service communities.

ENS DUSTIN CUNNINGHAM	NAVY SURFACE
ENS LANE DRUMMOND	NAVY AIR
ENS CHRIS GONZALES	NAVY SURFACE
ENS TREVOR KNIGHT	NAVY SURFACE
ENS SAMUEL MARRONE	NAVY SURFACE
2LT ERIC MCELVENNY	MARINE GROUND
ENS TREVOR MCLEMORE	NAVY SURFACE
ENS CARLOS OROZA	NAVY AIR
2LT EUGENE PAUL	MARINE AIR
2LT MICHAEL QUIN	MARINE AIR
2LT JAMES RAGSDALE	MARINE GROUND
ENS MATHEW REICHL	NAVY AIR
ENS IAN UBER	MEDICAL CORPS
2LT JACOB WOMBLE	MARINE GROUND
ENS MICHAEL ZAKAROFF	MEDICAL CORPS

Brigade Sports Complex Breaks Ground -- Rugby Excellence Foundation Continues Drive

According to "From the Bridge", the USNA Foundation Newsletter: "For many years, physical fitness facilities supporting hockey, tennis and rugby have been spread across and outside the Naval Academy Yard. There has never been a consolidated area specifically designated for these sports.

The new Naval Academy Brigade Sports Complex will provide a combined, co-located venue for hockey, tennis and rugby. The 140,000-square foot facility will feature an Olympic-size hockey rink, six indoor and six outdoor tennis courts, and will have **two rugby pitches** located adjacent to the Complex. The Naval Academy Athletic Association plans to break ground for the Brigade Sports Complex this [past] Summer. The project timetable calls for the completion in Winter 2006 of a \$7.5 million Phase One of the project, encompassing the new hockey arena and indoor tennis building shell. "

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"We are very near to greatness; one step and we are safe, can we not take the leap?"

~Ralph Waldo Emerson

We look forward to seeing you at the pitch and spending some time...

**With you,
Navy Rugby**